Access to undesirable channels under DTH

2088. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the given security scenario and the coming terrorists threats in what manner Government plan to regulate access to the undesirable channels under the DTH mode; and

(b) what are Government's plans to prevent the potentially dangerous growth of unorganised market in the manufacturing of smart cards for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) The existing license conditions for setting up and operating DTH Service in India contain adequate safeguards with regard to carriage of undesirable contents in DTH service. The Terms and Conditions of License Agreement, *inter alia,* make it obligatory on the part of DTH licensee to adhere to the Programme Code and the Advertising Code as laid down by the Government. Further, use of DTH service for anti-national activities would be construed as an offence punishable under the Indian Penal Code and applicable laws and will attract immediate termination of license.

(b) The matters is being looked into.

Modernisation of Prasar Bharati

2089. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Prasar Bharati has sought World Bank assistance in its modernisation efforts;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the assistance sought from the World Bank?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Arrears of Publications with DAVP

2090. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state: